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## **SEN. SCOTT APPLAUDS DECISION TO DENY PERMIT FOR HAMTRAMCK INCINERATOR**

(LANSING) – Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) today hailed the decision by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to deny a permit application to Michigan Waste Services (MSW) that would have allowed the facility to convert its existing medical waste incinerator into a co-fired combustor incinerator.

The medical waste incinerator, located in the City of Hamtramck, is the last remaining facility of its kind in the state. The denial came as welcome news to the residents of Hamtramck, who have long considered the facility an environmental threat by discharging dangerous materials into the open air.

“There has been great opposition from city residents to this reclassification and there remains a great desire to see the medical waste incinerator closed permanently,” said Sen. Scott. “I, too, share their concerns about the effects this incinerator has on both the health of area residents and the local environment overall.”

In addition to the permit denial, DEQ announced that the process has started to revoke the company’s current operating permit, potentially shutting it down for good. The company has had past violations and the DEQ expressed concerns with a continued failure to comply with specific departmental rules and regulations. MWS will continue to operate until the revocation process has been completed.

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*Senator Scott represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.*